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NON-RECIPROCAL DEVICE :

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

The following comments are in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance provided in the Notice of Allowability dated October 1, 2004.

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included on page 2, paragraph 4, of the Notice of Allowability states that "the closest cited prior art, JP 56-10767 cited by applicant, teaches a similar composition as the present claims, but does not teach the particular 'w' value as recited in the present claims."

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's assertion of "a similar composition" is not indicative of the patentability of the allowed claims. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited reference, either alone or in combination with another reference considered by the Examiner, does not teach or suggest *all features* recited in each of independent Claims 11-14, 17, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30. Therefore, Claims 11-14 and 17-38 patentably distinguish over the cited reference, JP 56-10767.

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SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION DATA SHEET

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SIR:

Attached is a Supplemental Application Data Sheet including continuing data for the above-identified application claiming benefit of PCT/JP99/01996 filed April 14, 1999. The Official Filing Receipt mailed on December 29, 2000 mistakenly dates PCT/JP99/01996 as filed January 14, 1999.

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